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SUBJECT: Port of ODESSA.

The depth of the port's basin is 27 feet at the most. No projects were observed being in process.

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WAREHOUSES: There were only a small an

They were not in good condition. Most of the goods were in the open, on the piers. 25X1

Coal was observed in the open on one of the piers.

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RAILWAY NET: The port has a complete railway net level with the ground. The width of the tracks is for large trains.

LIGHTING: The lighting is very sufficient.

TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT: There is a sufficient number of electrically operated land cranes with a hoisting system. All the cranes move on iron wheels.

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WATER INSTALLATIONS: A water net does exist. It provides a ship with approximately 10 tons of water per hour via pipes. The water net is completely sufficient.

SHIPYARDS: No shipyards were observed in the port area.

NAVIGABLE MEANS: Barges were not observed moving about in port. There were approximately 10 tugboats in the port area having 300-500 HP. The largest of them are capable of tugging a large ship.

No water boat or dredger were observed.

There was only a small number of motor boats. They usually anchor in front of

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INFLOT Building. (See attached sketch.)

PORT LABORERS: The exact amount of port laborers could not be designated. In any case there are not too many. There are both men and women laborers.

MERCHANT SHIPS: There is a great number of arriving and sailing ships under various flags. They are mainly [] Russian etc. 25X1

WARSHIPS: A Soviet cruiser was observed ^{anchored} outside the port. It had one mast and one funnel. The ship had two turrets at the prow and two at the stern. Each had two cannons. The cruiser had a greyish color and it was about 10,000 tons. 3-4 RADARS were observed on the cruiser. Two destroyers were observed anchored in port. They were 1,500 tons each. They had one mast and one funnel.. Other details could not be observed due to the distance.

No armed merchant ships were observed. No special guard measures were observed. outside the usual guards.

There is a sufficient amount of long range searchlights along the length of the shore(s) and there are also craft equipped with a radar which perform night patrolling.

There are zones in the port area which persons, in general, are prohibited to visit.

Crew members of foreign ships are free to circulate Coastal fortification projects and radars were not observed. There are a number of searchlights just as mentioned above... There are no mine fields. No anti-submarine or torpedo barriers were observed. No troop transportation or war materieles were observed.

The currency in circulation is the ruble with the difference that, foreign crew members and aliens in general can exchange an English pound for 27,60 rubles but, for ship expenses , in general, -except for food- the English pound is exchanged for 11.60 rubles. Prices of goods , in general, are mediocre. There is relatively a sufficient amount of food and goods in general.

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Nautical duties are generally high, The ship which are under flags of preference
[redacted] deposit [redacted] per ton. That is, the difference between ships
of preference and those not preferred is very significant. [redacted]

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CLUB

PROPAGANDA: There is a center in the city special for foreign seamen located in the center of the city. Personnel from the CLUB come to the ships (foreign) with cars (or buses) and take them to the CLUB. The club has a library, a cinema, and a restaurant. The CLUB'S personnel also undertakes to take foreign crew members to museums, theatres, and various sites worth seeing.

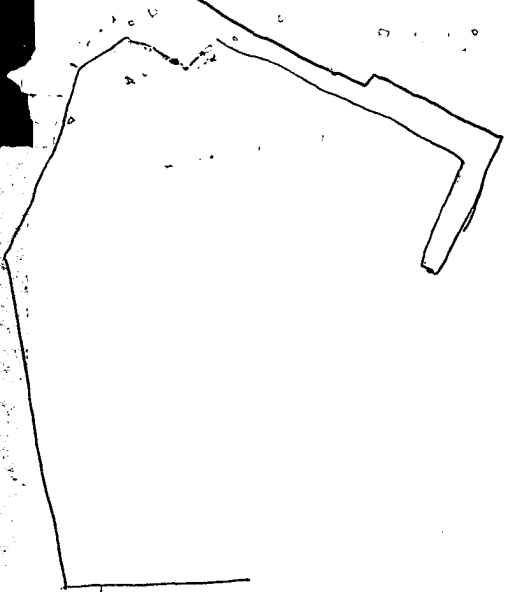
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The CLUB'S personnel is mainly comprised of women who also speak [redacted] other languages.

The People's morale is rather good. Opposition to the regime does not take place due to the strict police measures imposed by the nation.

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Port of Odessa

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Anchored cruiser
Karadontsev
in 2nd ship

Yaroslavl coal

Metereological
Station
Mstislavskiy
Soviet

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Silo (not in use)
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III- WARSHIPS OBSERVED OUTSIDE THE PORT OF ODESSA.

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[redacted] two Soviet warships traveling East of ODESSA on the morning

[redacted] going towards ODESSA. [redacted]

they

were of the CHAPAEV or SVERDLOV type with the exception [redacted]

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they had 3 triple turrets at the stern and not two as indicated in these types.

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The warship [redacted]

observe the best [redacted]

[redacted] These two warships met the following ships anchored at the port of ODESSA, 6 destroyers and 2 submarines.

Five of the 6 warships were of the same type. They were similar to the SKORY class

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[redacted]
[redacted] The above mentioned vessels remained in anchor 5 days and then departed.

[redacted] they had arrived there for the local celebration of the October Revolution.

No warships were observed inside the port.

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